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PREFACE.

WITH a view to maintaining the utility and efficiency of the British Columbia Directory, and of adapting its size and bulk to the convenience of those consulting it, the publishers continue to print it in a small but clear type, giving prominence, by the use of a bold black letter, to the names of advertisers.

It need hardly be said that the same labor and effort to secure accuracy, which the publishers have always put forth, have not been withheld in the preparation of the present edition. The desire of the publishers is to give the latest and most correct information, and with that end in view no expense or labor has been spared on the book; but it has to be taken into account that there is perhaps no directory published under greater difficulties. The district covered—the whole Province of British Columbia—is immense, and as new settlements are continually being formed, many of them in districts difficult of access, it is a very hard matter to keep in touch with all, especially in the mining districts, but we may safely say that if some of the miners and settlers change their place of residence, they do not all leave the Province, and often times letters sent to the old address will generally find them.

As the whole work of the directory, securing information, compilation, printing and binding, is done within a period of three months, some allowance should be made for errors. All the vacant houses in the cities were carefully recorded and revisited by the enumerators, five weeks after the first enumeration, and some idea may be formed of the amount of changing done, when it is known that over 25 per cent. of the vacant houses revisited were rented during that period. All these are obstacles not taken into account, which are met with in the compilation of the work, and which help to cause errors in the book, not generally thought of by the public.

The resources of British Columbia attracted their full share of attention from the financial world during 1894, as will be seen by the number of joint stock companies incorporated and the number of foreign companies that registered in the Province for the purpose of doing business here. Mining, fishing and other industries drew capital for investment, mining taking the largest amount. It is gratifying, too, to notice that the halibut fisheries have opened up well, and have taken quite a considerable amount of money in their development. Then, too, as proving that financial men consider the Province a safe and profitable field for investment, a number of foreign companies with a combined capital of \$21,000,000, have registered here for the purpose of investing money and doing business.

We desire to tender our best thanks to those who have so freely assisted us, and kindly placed at our disposal any information which has aided us in making this work a success.

THE WILLIAMS' B. C. DIRECTORY CO., LT'D.

VICTORIA, January, 1895.

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